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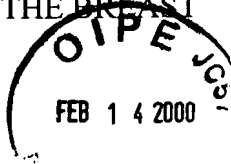
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection for P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*, for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE BREAST, the specification of which was filed on July 7, 1998, and received Serial No. 09/110,720.

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Rejection Office Action dated December 13, 1999.
Claims 1-32 and 34-48 are pending.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11, 38 and 39 as follows:

11. (Twice Amended) A purified polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence that [specifically binds to] has at least 50% identity with a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3,